



► **GREAT EXPECTATIONS**
NEXT FRIDAY.....1



► **A NEW WEBSITE FOR TEENS**.....2



► **DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA 5K & FUN RUN (MPP INCLUDED)**.....3

○ ISSUE 13 | ○ VOLUME 6

Community *notes*

You are Invited to Columbia Festival of the Arts' Fall Festival!

CFA is celebrating its first Fall Festival next weekend, October 2 – 4. Unique performances with British ties highlight the entire weekend's offerings.

Gerald Dickens, Charles Dickens' great-great-grandson performs [Great Expectations](#) on Friday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre at Slayton House. Mr. Dickens performs every role (Wow!) in the retelling of his famous ancestor's beloved story.

Do you like Irish Rock 'n Roll? Consider attending the [Opening Night Cabaret of 40 Thieves](#), a renowned DC area band that specializes in rock music with the flavor of the Emerald Isle. And they perform after [Great Expectations](#), so you don't have to choose between the two.



One of the highlights of Saturday's lineup, The Columbia Orchestra will join Classic Albums Live to present [Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band](#), a performance of the iconic Beatles album in its entirety. Sing along to some of the Fab Four's most known songs. A late night showing of [Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind](#) by acclaimed experimental theatre ensemble The Neo-Futurists completes the day's fun and memorable offerings.

Sunday's events conclude with an [Afternoon Tea](#). Besides our favorite food accompanying tea, enjoy a performance of Scottish and Irish harp music by Jo Morrison.

Purchase your tickets today [online](#) through the Festival's website.

Greeting

As you may know, The Columbia Festival of the Arts is presenting a different programming format. Each season, CFA will host a weekend festival themed to offer unique experiences of the arts year-round. Next weekend, *British Invasion* will remind us of some of our favorite books, plays, music and film from across the pond. Please take a look at the offerings — I hope to see you at one or more of these fun fascinating events.

Smaykay

Drug Take Back Day

HC DrugFree is partnering with the Howard County Police Department for National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, September 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Clean out the medicine cabinets and bring unwanted or



expired prescription and over-the-counter medications to HC DrugFree's office in the Wilde Lake Village Center at 10451 Twin Rivers Road. (This is the only location that will also be collecting needles, syringes and

EpiPens for proper disposal.)

For a list of permanent medication collection boxes, click [here](#). Visit [HC Drug Free](#) for more information on its programs and services.

Cut a vine...save a tree!

Volunteers are needed to help The Patapsco Heritage Greenway remove invasive English Ivy from some beautiful old trees growing in Catonsville. In partnership with the Tree Savers of Catonsville and CCBC Catonsville Campus, volunteers will help cut and remove most of the English ivy off these trees to insure their continued growth and health. Join them on Sunday, September 27, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Community College of Baltimore (CCBC), Catonsville Campus, 800 S. Rolling Road, Catonsville, MD 21228



Please arrive by 12:45 p.m. to sign in and for brief training on proper and safe ivy removal. Pre-registration is needed in the event of cancellation. To register, go to the [Greenway's website](#).

Culture Fest

The Columbia Association and the Howard County Library System welcomes the entire community to celebrate many of the cultures of Western Europe at an afternoon full of entertaining demonstrations, music, dance, displays and food.

The Western Europe Culture Fest is a free, family-friendly event taking place on Sunday, October 4, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Miller Branch Library (9421 Frederick Road). Families attending the event will be able to pick up a Culture Fest Passport, complete it by visiting exhibitors' tables and then enter it into a drawing for prizes.

CA's International Exchange and Multicultural Programs foster international understanding and celebrate the diverse cultures of Columbia. The goals of the International Exchange Program include developing new exchanges with Columbia's three sister cities, and creating new Sister City relationships in other cities and nations. CA also develops multicultural programs for the community such as the World Languages Café, Culture Fests, the International Book Club, and the World Food Passport program. For more information, go to ColumbiaAssociation.org/Multicultural.

New Website for Teens

The Howard County Health Department's Bureau of Child Health has launched a teen health website, TeenHealthMatters.org. It is aimed at teens and the role they can play in their own health decisions, bringing information and resources to teens about whole health, body and mind. Topics incorporated into the new site include: Stress, Feeling Down, Nutrition & Wellbeing and Drugs & Alcohol. Also included on the site, is a unique section for Parents & Teens. The information can also be used by grandparents and clinicians.

Rain Garden Information Session

You are invited to learn more about installing and managing a Rain Garden. This information session takes place on Wednesday, September 30 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at the East Columbia 50+ Center (6600 Cradlerock Way).

Technical experts from the University of Maryland's Extension and Howard County Government will present how to establish a rain garden and be available to answer your questions. Lunch will be provided.

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of HCLS

On Saturday, October 24, Howard County Library System concludes its 75th Diamond Anniversary year with a community-wide celebration, *Celebrate 75*. The event will be held at the Miller Branch from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Festivities will begin with an opening ceremony unveiling the



HCLS Chapters-of-Our-Lives Time Capsule. Filled with a treasure trove of items representative of HCLS and the year 2015, this Time Capsule is a collection of three containers, all part of a 75-year plan.

To help champion this ambitious undertaking, **HCLS is looking for 75 sixth AND seventh grade students who will pledge to be Guardians** of the first chapter of HCLS' legacy for the next 25 years.

Do you have what it takes to be a Guardian? We hope so! To qualify, Guardians must:

- Live or attend school in Howard County,
 - Be in the sixth or seventh grade (public, private, or home school),
 - Provide written answers to three questions to be placed in the Time Capsule,
 - Agree to take the Chapters of Our Lives pledge (see application), and
- Attend the Time Capsule Ceremony from 10 to 11 am, as part of the Celebrate 75 event on Saturday, October 24, 2015.

Complete and submit an application by October 5, 2015:

[Online application](#)

[Print application](#)

Please email completed application to hcls.guardian@hclibrary.org or deliver/mail to Carol Murray at HCLS Administrative Branch, 9411 Frederick Road in Ellicott City 21042. Questions? Call 410.313.7796.

Reminders

Downtown 5K and Fun Run

The second annual Downtown Columbia 5K and Fun Run takes place this Sunday, September 27 at 9:00 a.m. The course winds through the heart of Downtown and includes the opportunity to run/walk across the stage at Merriweather Post Pavilion while the band Heads Up will be playing. Two other bands, Sons of Pirates will play during pre-race activities and Fren-Z will be on hand for a post-race concert. Sign up today at [Discover Downtown 5K.com](http://DiscoverDowntown5K.com).

Columbia BikeAbout

A reminder that Columbia Association hosts its annual BikeAbout on Saturday, September 26 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Riders will set off from the Downtown Columbia Lakefront and are expected to complete the ride by 1:00 p.m. The free, fun and informative tour presents Columbia's history and showcases the connectivity of its pathway system. Participants are encouraged to pre-register via BikeAbout.Eventbrite.com.

LOVE, LOSS and WHAT I WORE!

Arts Collective, HCC's student and community performance organization presents Nora and Delia Ephron's play **LOVE, LOSS and WHAT I WORE** on October 2 – 18, 2015, HCC's Horowitz Center Studio Theatre. A brilliant "clothesline" of monologues and ensemble pieces about women and their individual and common journeys, which will feature many familiar faces of Howard County (including mine next Friday night)! Visit the [website](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

Highland Day 2015

Next Saturday, October 3 enjoy an old-time community festival from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Highlands Crossroads (MD 216 and MD 108). Highland Day brings together neighbors and new friends to enjoy the activities and varied offerings of local merchants, exhibitors, and artisans. Family fun includes live entertainment, a variety of foods and beverages, promos from Heart of Highland merchants, kids' games and activities, old-fashioned hayrides, a Halloween costume parade and more. For the bigger 'kids', a micro-brew beer garden will be open. For all the details, visit the [website](#).

Now Showing

The Meeting House Gallery presents "Eye Of The Beholder - Extended" works by Ira Dvoskin, Greg Holmes, Rebecca Rothery, Diana Ulman, Lorenzo Wilkins. These works include photography, collage, acrylic paint and ceramics. The show will run until October 17 at The Meeting House Gallery (5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia.

Upcoming Events

LWVHC Fundraiser

The League of Women Voters of Howard will hold a fundraiser on Wednesday, October 7 at Tino's Italian Bistro to support the League of Women Voters of Howard County Education Fund, a 501(c)3 non-profit. Ten percent of the entire day's (11:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m.) proceeds for the restaurant will be donated to the LWVHC Education Fund.

All orders are eligible for this fundraiser. Visit Tino's Italian Bistro, 8775 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, MD 21045 on Wednesday, October 7. Call 410-730-TINO (8466) or visit www.tinositalianbistro.com to place your order.

Speaker Series Next Event

Columbia Association and Howard County Government are pleased to present Don Elliott speaking on the topic, "Best Zoning Practices for Large Planned Communities" on Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m. at Slayton House (10400 Cross Fox Lane, Wilde Lake Village Center). This event is free and open to the public. Registration is encouraged but not required via ZoningSpeakerSeries.EventBrite.com.

Mr. Elliott is the next featured guest in Columbia Association's (CA) Community Building Speakers Series. He is a nationally recognized zoning and planning expert who is the author of "A Better Way to Zone" and co-author of an American Planning Association book called "The Rules That Shape Urban Form." Elliott is a director with Clarion Associates, a national land use consulting firm based in Denver. He will address how modern zoning codes consider development and change in maturing large planned communities.

Collision Avoidance Training

The Howard County Police Department has conducting the Collision Avoidance Training classes throughout the year of 2015. Only three more classes are available for this year. Class dates are: _October 17, November 21 and December 12.

The C.A.T. program is an advance defensive driving and vehicle control program for licensed teenage driver's ages 16-20 years old. The one day program (8.5 hours) is designed to provide young drivers with the knowledge and understanding of vehicle dynamics. The course and classroom are instructed by Police Officers. Visit the [website](#) for all the details.



Mary Kay Sigaty

mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov

Howard County on Twitter: @HoCoGov

Howard County Facebook: facebook.com/hocogov

Howard County Council
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
(410) 313-2001